

COMMENTS

The enclosed is responsive to the Examiner's Notice of Allowance mailed on December 30, 2003 and is pursuant to a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) as provided under 37 CFR 1.114 which is being filed herewith. Applicant thanks the Examiner for allowance of claims 1- 56. Applicant has amended claims 1, 14-18 and 47-51 as provided herein. The Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration of the present patent application and the allowance of all claims.

A petition under 37 C.F.R. 1.182 to Change Inventor Name was faxed January 12, 2004, including a fee transmittal, copy of the marriage certificate and an Affidavit from the inventor. Applicant requests the Examiner to grant the name change and provide an updated filing receipt. The Applicant thanks the Examiner for his efforts on the present application.

If there are any additional charges, please charge them to our Deposit Account Number 02-2666. If a telephone conference would facilitate the prosecution of this application, the Examiner is invited to contact Robert B. O'Rourke at (408) 720-8300.

Respectfully submitted,
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